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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY  
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a.  (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of 1 sheets, as follows:

sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

b.  (*sent to the International Bureau only*) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) diskette 1, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).

4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

PCT/JP2003/016176

## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
  - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
  - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-29, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

the claims:

pages 4-6, 8, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages\* 7 received by this Authority on 28 October 2004 (28.10.2004)

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

the drawings:

pages 1-29, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- the claims, Nos. 1-3
- the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	4-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	4-8	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Document 1: Brain F. O'Dowd, et al.

Cloning and chromosomal mapping of four putative novel human G-protein-coupled receptor genes.  
Gene, 1997, Vol. 187, pp.75-81

Document 2: Rodolphe Janssens, et al.

Cloning of a Human Heptahelical Receptor Closely Related to the P2Y5 Receptor.  
Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm., 1997, Vol. 236, pp. 106-112

Document 3: WO, 02/068591, A2 (Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.), September 6, 2002 (09.06.02)

Document 4: EP, 853126, A2 (Smithkline Beecham Corp.), July 15, 1998 (07.15.98)

Document 5: WO, 02/053737, A1 (Asahi Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), July 11, 2002 (07.11.02)

Document 6: WO, 02/061087, A2 (Lifespan Biosciences, Inc.), August 8, 2002 (08.08.02)

**Regarding claims 4-6 and 7-8**

The inventions relating to claims 4 through 6, 7 and 8 appear to be novel and involve an inventive step over the descriptions in documents 1-6 cited in the ISR.

Employing a G protein-coupled protein p2y9 (GPR23) as a Lysophosphatidic acid (LPA) receptor is neither described nor suggested in documents 1-6 and related documents.

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**PCT/JP03/16176****Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The text in the "5. Amendment" of the written amendment submitted as of October 28, 2004 is found to reversely describe the text before and after the amendment.

**Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing****Continuation of Box No. 1, item 2:**

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this report was established on the basis that of:

a. type of material

- a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- in written format  
 in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- contained in the international application as filed  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purpose of search and/or examination  
 received by this Authority as an amendment\* on \_\_\_\_\_

2.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

3. Additional comments:

\* If item 4 in Box No. I applies, the listing and /or table(s) related thereto, which form part of the basis of the report, may be marked "superseded".